

Weekly Status & Information Report: May 14 - 18, 2012

1. Official City Meetings Scheduled the Week of May 21, 2012:

- City Council meeting, Monday, May 21, 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium (closed session vote at 6:45 p.m., reconvene in open session at 7:30 p.m.)

- Arts and Humanities Commission meeting, Tuesday, May 22, 7:30 p.m. in the Hydrangea Room

All meetings are held in the Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue, and are open to the public unless noted otherwise. *(City Clerk)*

2. Book Sale: The Friends of the Library Book Sale will be held tomorrow, Saturday, May 19, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on the Library lawn. Wonderful selections for all ages at bargain prices! *(Library)*

3. French Circle Time: French Circle Time returns tomorrow - Saturday, May 19, at 10:30 a.m. Come and sing songs and rhymes in French with Madame Marie! *(Library)*

4. Thank you, County Council! The Montgomery County Council added \$653,220 to the payment the City of Takoma Park will receive in Fiscal Year 2013 for municipal tax duplication for police services. The County Council finalized its budget on Thursday, May 17. This amount had been placed on the Reconciliation List at the request of the City and with the support of the County Council's Government Operations Committee. Thank you again! *(Library)*

5. Smashing Smoothie's and Movie Rap Night for Teens: Thirty-five young people gathered in the Teen Lounge to watch the movie, "The Blind Side." After the movie, teens participated in a discussion designed to stimulate positive and informative conversation to assist in developing respect for themselves and others. A raffle was drawn at the end of the discussion and the winner received a \$25 gift card for AMC theaters. This FREE program is offered every first and third Thursday of the month from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. For more information or to register today, please contact Leicia Monfort at (301) 891-7223. *(Recreation)*

6. FREE Fried Fish Fridays: In partnership with Project MOVE, the Recreation Department's Teen Staff will host a Fish Fry geared towards bringing the community together in a night of Food, Fun and Fellowship. This FREE program is offered every second Friday of the month from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. For more information, please call at (301) 891-7290. *(Recreation)*

7. Creative Teens: This week during the "Creative Teens" session, twenty young people gathered together to make tie-dye apparel. Creative Teens is a program that helps young people express themselves through art. Teens were able to work independently as well as collectively to design the outcome of their shirts. Be on the lookout for tie-dye in your neighborhood! For more information, please call at (301) 891-7290. *(Recreation)*

8. T-Ball Registration Is Nearing Capacity: With 102 youth already registered to play T-Ball, and only 18 open spaces remaining as of 10:00 a.m. (5/18/12), you do not want to wait any longer. Register today to play T-ball. For more information, please visit this link: http://www.takomaparkmd.gov/recreation/flyers/tball_2012.pdf or www.takomaparkmd.gov/recreation. *(Recreation)*

9. Fall 2012 Class Proposals - Deadline is May 24! The Takoma Park Recreation Department is looking for qualified and enthusiastic class instructors to teach high quality classes and programs for our Department. Interested individuals should submit a resume and class proposal no later than Thursday, May 24 to LewM@takomagov.org. Any proposals submitted after the due date will not be reviewed. For additional information please contact Lew McAllister at Lewm@takomagov.org or (301)891-7284. *(Recreation)*

10. Bike-In Movie Night: On Friday, May 11, the Recreation Department, in partnership with Safe Routes To School and the Takoma Park Police Department hosted a "Bike-in" movie night at the park. Over 65 City residents came out to view the film and enjoy the festivities. Participants had the opportunity to receive raffle prizes and everyone enjoyed free popcorn. The Recreation Department would like to thank everyone who attended the event and those that assisted in making sure it was a success. *(Recreation)*

11. Summer Camp Spotlight - Teens on the Move: Teens On The Move combines a perfect balance of experiential learning, community service, fun activities and career development. Daily emphasis will be placed on exercising through sports, nutrition and team building while having fun in a challenging but safe atmosphere. Campers will have the opportunity to venture out of the building as a fun filled trip is included daily. To view session dates and times please visit: www.takomaparkmd.gov/recreation. For additional information please contact Lew McAllister at (301)891-7284 or LewM@takomagov.org. *(Recreation)*

12. Fresh Produce for Seniors: Wednesday, May 16, was the "Summer 2012" opening day of the Crossroads Farmers Market. Approximately two dozen Takoma Park seniors rode the Recreation Bus to the market to purchase locally grown fresh produce. Transportation to the market will continue on Wednesdays, 3 - 7 p.m. through October 31, 2012. Crossroads Farmers Market bus route schedule flyers are available in the Senior Room, Takoma Park Community Center, and senior housing buildings. For more information, please contact Paula Lisowski, Seniors Program Manager, at 301-891-7280 or PaulaL@takomagov.org. *(Recreation)*

13. Senior Celebration in Cambridge: On Thursday, May 17, twenty seniors traveled by Recreation Bus to the annual "Senior Celebration" in Cambridge, Maryland. The celebration takes place on the banks of the beautiful Choptank River in the Governors Hall in Sailwinds Park. Seniors were treated to live entertainment, health screenings, vendors, door prizes, white elephant sale, and

Eastern Shore Crab Cakes. The celebration included free docent led trolley tours of historic Cambridge. Great weather, great food, great day for everyone! *(Recreation)*

14. **Meeting with the Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning Commission (M-NCPPC):** On Thursday, May 17, John Webster met with Russell Arrington who is a manager with M-NCPPC. The meeting was held to discuss the Community Garden that is being planned for the Takoma Park Recreation Center. Mr. Arrington gave approval for the Takoma Park Recreation Center to proceed with the implementation of a Community Garden. He is also interested in making a donation of tree bark mulch as well. We are excited to be in partnership with the Recreation Committee to move forward with this exciting project. *(Recreation)*

15. **Love at Last Sight (The Movie) - May 22:** Audiences loved the live performance last year, now is the chance to see it on the big screen. Edited by former Council member Dan Robinson and featuring the love struck couple - Hannah Untereiner and Robin Dreher, the film will be screened on Tuesday, May 22 at 7:30 p.m. in the Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium (7500 Maple Avenue). John Guernsey - Takoma Park resident, playwright and songwriter - has written a new song which, as a special treat for the audience, will be performed by members of the original cast, Hannah and Robin. Free admission. *(Housing and Community Development)*

16. **Takoma Park Bikes To Work:** Friday, May 18 was Bike to Work Day in Takoma Park and 162 registered participants visited one of the City's three 'pit stops.' The pit stops were located at the Gazebo in Old Takoma, in the small Park on New Hampshire Avenue at Sligo Creek, and up at the Takoma Langley Crossroads. Local business partners for the events included Takoma Bicycle, The Green Commuter, IHOP Takoma Park, and Starbucks. Seven members of City staff and Council member Reuben Snipper biked to work, totaling a combined 35 miles. *(Housing and Community Development)*

17. **Streamlining Development Roundtable:** On Tuesday, May 15, HCD staff attended the Roundtable hosted by the Montgomery County Department of Permitting Services. The focus of the discussion was on developing strategies for the Department to address the issues raised through community comments at two previous public meetings, a survey and the web site. Topics included: environmental and storm water issues; transportation and utilities; the Development Review Committee process; special exceptions and re-zoning; record plats and Right of Way permits, building permits; and bonds. *(Housing and Community Development)*

18. **CEZOA Meeting Attendance:** Code Enforcement staff attended a Code Enforcement and Zoning Officials Association (CEZOA) seminar on "Meeting Expectations in a Public Service Environment." Staff are actively involved in CEZOA, a subsidiary of the Maryland Municipal League, serving on the nomination committee and overseeing recent election process. *(Housing and Community Development)*

19. **Landlord Certification Seminar:** HCD's Code Enforcement and Landlord Tenant staff conducted the monthly Landlord Certification Seminar on Thursday this week. Twenty-two landlords, property managers and prospective owners attended. Also attending were four members of the Salisbury Neighborhood Services and Code Compliance Department which is researching, for possible adoption by the City of Salisbury, elements of the Takoma Park rental licensing program. *(Housing and Community Development)*

20. **Officers in Meetings:** On May 16, Chief Ricucci held his monthly Chief's Advisory Board meeting. *(Police)*

21. Officers in Training:

- On May 15 and 16, Pvt. Marable attended training entitled "Undercover Operations" at the W/B HIDTA Training Facility in Elkridge.
- On May 15-17, Det. Cannatella attended training entitled "Identifying Deceptive Behavior" at the National Institute of Standards and Technology in Gaithersburg.
- On May 17, Pfc. Fields, Pfc. Magnaye and Pvt. Marable attended training entitled "Characteristics of an Armed Gunman" at the Greater Waldorf Jaycees Community Center in Waldorf. *(Police)*

22. **Bike to Work Day:** On May 18, Community Outreach Officer Carla Magnaye provided safety information regarding Maryland bike laws during Bike to Work Day at the Old Town pit stop. *(Police)*

23. **Crime Report:** The most recent Takoma Park Police Weekly Crime Report (May 11-17, 2012) may be viewed online at: http://cathylevy.blogspot.com/2012/05/takoma-park-police-department-weekly_17.html. *(Police)*

24. **Traffic Enforcement:** Officers conducted at least 96 traffic stops, which resulted in citations, two vehicle impounds and one Controlled Dangerous Substance (CDS) arrest from traffic.

During May 11-17, 2012, the following details were completed:

May 11, 2012

- 7600 block of New Hampshire Avenue (red light enforcement) – conducted a 30-minute detail and issued four State citations and one warning.
- Maple Avenue & Philadelphia Avenue (red light enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued no citations or warnings.
- Philadelphia Avenue & Holly Avenue (seatbelt enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued three State citations.

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- New Hampshire Avenue & Holton Lane (no left turn/no u-turn) - conducted a 90-minute detail and issued one State citation and six warnings.
- 7000 block of Carroll Avenue (seatbelt enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued one State citation.

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- Erie Avenue & Flower Avenue (speeding) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued one warning.
- Flower Avenue & Erie Avenue (speeding) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued three warnings.

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- Merrimac Drive & New Hampshire Avenue (speeding) - conducted a two-hour detail and issued two State citations and two warnings.
- Various locations in the City (seatbelt enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued five State citations.
- 7400 block of Carroll Avenue (speeding) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued three warnings.
- Maple Avenue & Sherman Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued one warning.
- 7100 block of New Hampshire Avenue (speeding) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued three State citations and three warnings.
- 7300 block of Carroll Avenue (pedestrian crosswalk enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued one warning.

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- Laurel Avenue & Carroll Avenue (seatbelt enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued five State citations. (*Police*)